Hashem Abedi gets life in prison with minimum term of 55 years

From the <u>he told the Old Bailey</u>.

Abedi will be in his 70s before he can be considered for parole.

Following a trial, the foreman of the jury announced their verdicts in the absence of the defendant, who refused to attend the latter part of the trial and sacked his defence team.

In turn, the foreman announced guilty murder verdicts on each murder count: Elaine McIver, 43; Saffie-Rose Roussos, eight; Sorrell Leczkowski, 14; Eilidh MacLeod, 14; Nell Jones, 14; Olivia Campbell-Hardy, 15; Megan Hurley, 15; Georgina Callander, 18; Chloe Rutherford, 17; Liam Curry, 19; Courtney Boyle, 19; Philip Tron, 32; John Atkinson, 28; Martyn Hett, 29; Kelly Brewster, 32; Angelika Klis, 39; Marcin Klis, 42; Michelle Kiss, 45; Alison Howe, 45; Lisa Lees, 43; Wendy Fawell, 50; and Jane Tweddle, 51.

Some relatives of those killed bravely came to court to give powerful victim impact statements. Caroline Curry stood in the witness box and wept uncontrollably as she told the court about the loss of her 'beautiful boy' Liam. He was just 19-years-old and at the concert with his girlfriend Chloe, 17.